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Subject: RE: ATSDR Draft PFAS Toxicologic Profile

Will get you some names. Thanks for the nudge ☺

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Jennifer – below is the email for ATSDR with Peter’s edits incorporated. Please cut and paste it into a new email. I suggest you cc Robin Ikeda so that she is aware of this request. Robin is Pat’s boss. She was Acting Director for NCEH/ATSDR for 18 months before Pat was hired. Within EPA I would cc – Andrea Drinkard, Peter Grevatt, Nancy Beck, Kathleen Raffaele, Lynn Flowers, Bruce Rodan, and myself.

Peter, Lynn, Kathleen, Bruce, Nancy – Once the email has been sent to CDC, please identify the EPA career scientists you would like to include in these discussion so I can work on availability to meet.

Emails for cdc are:

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Thank you for the 11/13/2017 email from Henry Abadin and Janine Cory requesting EPA begin cross-Agency coordination with ATSDR on communications related to the pending release of your draft PFAS Toxicologic Profile for public comment. While coordination on communications is important, EPA believes it essential that ATSDR and EPA discuss the science underlying your draft document prior to coordinating communications related to the release.

I ask that you not release your draft document until EPA and ATSDR career scientists have had the opportunity to meet and discuss the science and recommend next steps to their respective leadership. Coordination of communications should follow such a discussion. Ideally this will result in a harmonized approach that provides the public a clear and consistent message regarding the safety of drinking water contaminated with these compounds, regardless of its source.

EPA scientists can be available to meet as soon as next week. To coordinate a meeting please contact Tom Sinks in EPA’s Office of the Science Advisor (sinks.tom@epa.gov 202 564-3099).

Background

In May, 2016 EPA issued a Health Advisory for PFOA and PFOS concentrations in drinking water. On May 31, 2017 we received a preliminary draft ATSDR Toxicologic profile for 14 PFAS chemicals - 12 monitored by NCEH in NHANES and two other compounds monitored elsewhere. Draft ATSDR Minimal Risk Levels (MRLs) were provided for PFOA (oral intermediate value), PFOS (oral intermediate value), PFHxSa (oral intermediate value), and PFNA (oral intermediate value). An EPA scientist (Bob Benson) participated in the ATSDR MRL working group on 6/22/2017. EPA provided comments from our scientists to ATSDR during June 2017. One important comment provided by EPA was the following

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We understand that a letter peer review was conducted by ATSDR, but EPA has not seen the questions provided to the peer reviewers, and we have not seen any response to EPA comments or those of the Peer Reviewers who examined the draft PFAS Toxicologic Profile. This information will provide an initial basis for a scientist-to-scientist meeting with ATSDR on PFAS toxicity.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. As always, we appreciate our excellent working relationship with CDC and ATSDR as we both strive to protect the public from environmental health issues.

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